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Assignee: NEC Electronics, Inc.
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated July 31, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire October 31, 2003. Further examination and consideration are requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

No Amendments to the Claims are presented in this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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